



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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Big Sky Fall Classic Horse Show

The American Quarter Horse Association and Montana Paint Horse Association has their Big Sky Classic Paint-O-Rama and MQHA Fall Classic Combination Show on August 28 - 30 here at the Fairgrounds Anderson Out-

door Arena. This is the first show of this type and should be quite an affair.

Classes will be alternating between the two breeds, along with a short series of combined classes. For more information, entry forms,

class schedule, fees, stalling and RV parking, please visit either website:



www.montanaphc.com

or

www.mqha.com

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Horsin' Around at the Fairgrounds

The Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club (GSHC) was founded in 1947 and has been with the Fairgrounds for a very



long time. The club holds numerous events throughout the year including a chili feed with wagon rides, trail rides, horse shows, clinics and even a Christmas party every December.

There is also the Bozeman Saddle-ites, founded in 1958 as a division of the GSHC. This group continue a western tradition of promoting rodeo and horsemanship throughout southwestern Montana. They are an all women's volunteer precision drill team traveling to perform at rodeos, parades and competitions from April through October each year.

These FUN lovin' bunch of horse enthusiasts support and utilize the Fairgrounds throughout the year.

They are always looking for more to join their club or association and about all you need is a horse!

If you are interested in the GSHC you can contact is Bill Sowa at 406-222-0343 and the Bozeman Saddle-ites contact is Ann Jones at 406-285-4802. Visit their websites for further information, photos, schedule of events, membership forms and other horse related links at www.gallatinsaddleandharnessclub.com.

and www.bozemansaddleites.com.



**FARMER'S
MARKET**

EVERY
SATURDAY
IN
AUGUST

9AM - 12PM

Fairs Over ... Short but Sweet!



WHEW ... the Fair Planning Committee and many volunteers spend the better part of a year planning and organizing the 2009 County Fair to provide family fun and entertainment to local and surrounding communities ... and in just five long days, it's OVER!

The Fair was a great success this year with attendance up about ten percent from last year. Cotton candy sticking to smiling faces, laughter and screams from the carnival rides makes the amount of preparation time all worth it! The Fair is still one of the most affordable family events in Bozeman.

There's nothing quite like the sights and sounds of the Fair and better yet, the wonderful foods found only at the Fair. The weather cooperated bringing warm days and cool nights. Adults young and matured, children and even family pets could be seen throughout the grounds. Exhibit buildings were packed with commercial exhibitors, photography, arts and crafts, foods, needlework, flowers and group projects displaying ribbons for different placement in competition. The barns were loaded with horses, rabbits, pigs, ducks, cows and even weird looking non-typical chickens.

Special events were well attended and enjoyed by all. The petting zoo, carnival and performances by "comedian hypnotist – Michael Mezmer" were all time favorites, along with the rodeo, mud bogs and the Ringling 5.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jennifer Blossom, Tanya Arrington, Nathaniel Pehl, Kim Buchanan, Anita Malmquist, Nick Borzak and Price Klaas who so graciously put in very long hours auditing the Fair gates. Another SPECIAL THANK YOU to other county employees who stepped up during pleas for gate help or assisted with open class entries or other needed tasks during the Fair; Commissioner Joe Skinner, Vickie Johnson, Sandy Schnurbusch, Jennifer Brandon, Debbie Ehlert, Blair and Glenda Howze, Crystal Turner, Cynde Hertzog, Amy Waring, Charlotte Mills, Rosemary Perry, Melissa Rivnie and Maureen Exley (and any others accidentally overlooked). Credit and many thanks to Fairgrounds staff who put in very, very long hours to help insure that the Fair moved along as scheduled.

Fair Board members who went above and beyond to help with the Fair were Dennis Farnham and Linda Warner. Dennis put in very long hours assisting the auditors to and from the gates insuring their safety and providing cold beverages and snacks to all the gate workers. Linda spent much of her spare time painting seat numbers on the grandstand and helped with the Bozeman Roundup VIP.

Another big thank you to Big Sky Western Bank employees and the Breakfast Optimists Club for providing the vast majority of workers on the numerous gate shifts. There are many, many, many volunteers who spend numerous hours **helping with the Fair ... Another special "THANK YOU" to those wonderful people because without you, the Fair would not be possible.**

Please visit the Fairgrounds website to see winning results for all the contests and more Fair photos at www.gallatincountyfair.org.

The Fairgrounds newsletter is published the last Friday of every

month. To view or subscribe to our monthly newsletter, just go to www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org and click on the newsletter link or the blue box that says, "subscribe to news".

It is our hope that everyone took the opportunity to "EXPERIENCE" the Fair, creating memories that will last a lifetime for you and your families. If you didn't ... there is always next year!



Family fun on the Magic Dragon!



Bozeman Roundup Ranch Rodeo.



Super Grasshopper Winners!

AUGUST Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

August 1	Farmer's Market	9am - 12pm	Haynes Pavilion
August 4	Bozeman Roundup Rodeo Meeting	6:30pm - 8pm	Fairgrounds Office
August 6	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting	1:15pm - 3pm	Fairgrounds Office
August 7	Fairgrounds Foundation (Public is welcome to attend)	6:30am - 8am	Holiday Inn
August 7 - 9	Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show (Admission \$4) Aug. 7: 5pm - 9pm Aug. 8: 9am - 5pm Aug. 9: 10am - 3pm		Bldg #1 & #2
August 8	Farmer's Market	9am - 12pm	Haynes Pavilion
August 13	Fair Planning Committee Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
August 14	House Productions - Youth Dance (Admission \$6)	9:00pm - 12am	Bldg #3
August 15	Farmer's Market	9am - 12pm	Haynes Pavilion
August 18	Fair Board Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
August 20	WinterFest Committee Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
August 22	Farmer's Market	9am - 12pm	Haynes Pavilion
August 28 - 30	Big Sky Classic Paint O Rama & MQHA Classic Combination Horse Show Aug. 28: 4pm - 8pm Aug. 29: 8am - 5pm Aug. 30: 8am - 5pm		Outdoor Arena
August 29	Farmer's Market	9am - 12pm	Haynes Pavilion
	Restaurant Equipment & Supply Auction By Premier Auctions	8am - 3pm	Bldg #2

Please visit www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org for updated information on our Calendar of Events.

Marketing Minute

The 2009 Gallatin County Fair was a great success with a 10% growth in attendance coming in the gates. With growing numbers, a tighter packed schedule and fun for all ages, the Gallatin County Fair would not be possible without our wonderful sponsors. Despite a slower economy, our sponsors have once again stepped up to the plate and see the importance of the fair and its value in the community. The Staff at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds would like to encourage everyone to do business with our sponsors. Without their support the fair would not be able to bring in the many wonderful events that are available to enjoy. **Please take a minute to see who our 2009 sponsors are and don't forget to thank them with your patronage!**

Jaime Cargill
Marketing Manager

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